

Application No. 10/650,038
Docket No. 0902-005

REMARKS

Applicants elect claims in Group I (i.e. claims 9-11 and 30-32) for examination. The Office Action has indicated that claims 8 and 35 are linking claims and claims 40 and 43 will be examined along with the elected claims.

Therefore, claims 8, 9-11, 30-32, 35, 40 and 43 are pending in the application. Claims 41, 42 and 44-46 (corresponding to Group II) and claims 47-52 (corresponding to Group III) have been withdrawn as a result of the election being made by the foregoing amendment - Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional or continuing application based on the withdrawn claims.

An election of claims for examination being made, Applicants respectfully request a prompt action on the merits and allowance of the remaining claims. Should the Examiner have any questions with respect to expediting the prosecution of this application, she is urged to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

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